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Dear Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone and members of the Commerce Committee:

I write this letter in support of SB-527, Authorizing Bonds of the State for the Milford Orange YMCA. Providing bonding funds for the Woodruff Family YMCA would enable the YMCA to expand its facility to the second floor. The Woodruff Family YMCA is a valuable member of the Milford and Orange communities, and also serves families in West Haven. The "Y" provides many valuable services to area families including, a pre-school program, after school programs, a teen program, and summer camps, among many other valuable programs.

This expansion will allow the Woodruff Family YMCA to expand access to these programs as well as offer some new programs. The expansion will allow for 42 additional pre-school slots. For working families, quality child care is invaluable. Not only will expanded access to these programs help allay the concerns of more area working families, but the expansion will also create economic benefits as well. The YMCA estimates with the new square footage they will need to hire 9 new full time equivalent employees and 40 part time employees. In addition, the construction company estimates that to complete this job they will create 56 jobs.

I thank you for your time and hope that you will consider supporting the bond request for the Woodruff Family YMCA. In addition to creating jobs, current and future, it will help us continue our investment in the workforce of the future by providing more access to early childhood education.

Regards,

James Maroney